

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003, claims 12, 13, 41 and 42 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Lipczynska-Kochany et al (Chemistry Letters, 1982). Claims 2, 3, 6-11, 14-40, 43 and 44 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to correct a clerical error in the definition of variable X. This amendment is supported by the specification as filed on page 3, line 1, for example. Claim 1 has been amended to add a limitation on the substituents. This amendment to claim 1 is supported by the specification as filed on page 9, compound TT1 and the other structures presented in the specification, as well as the Lipczynska-Kochany (Chem. Lett. 1982) reference cited in the specification on page 68, lines 20-21, which reference is incorporated by reference on page 85, lines 27-29, and which reference discloses the added limitation to claim 1. Claim 34 has been amended to correct a clerical error. The amendment to Claim 34 is supported by the specification as filed on page 9, compound TT24B. Claim 37 has been amended to correct a clerical error. Claim 43 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

No new matter is added by any amendment, and all amendments are supported by the specification and claims as filed.

35 U.S.C. 102 rejection

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Lipczynska-Kochany et al (Chemistry Letters, 1982). The amendment to claim 1 described above is believed to overcome the rejection. Claim 4 is dependent on claim 1 and therefore, includes all limitations of claim 1. Claim 5 is not anticipated by the cited reference,

because the backbone structure of claim 5 includes substituents R²¹ and R²², which prevent the presence of the conjugated backbone shown in the Lipczynska-Kochany et al (Chemistry Letters, 1982) reference. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Objection to claims 2, 3, 6-11, 14-40, 43 and 44

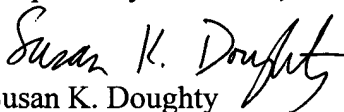
In the Office Action, claims 2, 3, 6-11, 14-40, 43 and 44 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, it is believed claims 1, 4 and 5 are now allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, it is believed that claims 1-11, 14-40, 43-44 are allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections and objections is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the present submission does not require the payment of any fees. If this is incorrect however, please charge any fees required, including any extensions of time required, to Deposit Account No. 07-1969.

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